SGRY in Bihar and Maharashtra

1190. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana has been launched;

(b) what are the salient features of this Yojana; and

(c) the names of the villages which are covered under this scheme in Bihar and Maharashtra, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) was launched with effect from 25.9.2001 in all States and UTs except Delhi and Chandigarh. The SGRY programme is to be subsumed into National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in a phased manner. In 2007-08, SGRY covers 257 districts of the country.

(b) The SGRY programme is an allocation based scheme for wage employment in rural areas, provision of self employment to BPL SC/ST/ Minorities and provision for relief to calamity affected areas by way of release of additional foodgrains/allocation. The scheme is open to all rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual and unskilled work in and around his village/habitat. The wages are paid in cash and kind to SGRY workers. This programme is implemented on cost-sharing basis between the Centre and States in the ratio of 75:25. In case of UTs, entire funds are provided by the Centre. Foodgrains are provided to the States/UTs free-of-cost. The programme is implemented through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Special safeguards have been provided for the weaker sections and women of the community.

(c) The names of villages covered under the programme are not maintained at the Centre. In 2007-08, SGRY programme in all the districts of Bihar have been subsumed into NREGA. The names of 15 districts covered under SGRY in Maharashtra in 2007-08 are as under:-

1 Beed	6 Nagpur	11 Ratnagiri
2 Jalgaon	7 Nasik	12 Sangli
3 Jalna	8 Parbani	13 Satara
4 Kolhapur	9 Pune	14 Sindhudurg
5 Latur	10 Raigad	15 Solapur

Creation of land bank

1191. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are creating a Land Bank to buy and acquire land and generally keep it ready for use by industry;

(b) if so, the details of this dedicated Land Bank for industry;

(c) whether market prices will be offered to farmers;

(d) what steps Government would take to ensure a safety net for farmers losing land due to Government acquisitions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No proposal on creating a Land Bank to buy and acquire land is under consideration of the Government cf India. Land being a State subject in the Constitution, its management falls within the administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments. The role of the Central Government in this regard is only advisory and coordinating. Each State acquires land for various purposes under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, which is also applicable for acquisition of land for industries.

(c) to (e) Suitable amendments to the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and revision of the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families, 2003 is under active consideration of the Government.

Inclusion of Theni under NREGA

1192. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a proposal to include Theni under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) In accordance with Section 1(3) of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005, the Act shall be applicable to the whole of the territory, to which it extends within a period of five years from the date of its enactment. NREGA was enacted on 7th September, 2005 and thus, all the districts are to be covered by 7th September, 2010. Theni district of Tamil Nadu is, at present, not covered under the Act.

Job cards under NREGA in Jharkhand

1193. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many rural families are there in Jharkhand belonging to SC, ST and OBC, the details thereof, category-wise;

(b) how many of them have been issued job cards under NREGA; and

(c) how long will it take to issue job cards to the remaining families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The information is being collected from the State Government.